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TOPIC Bautzen-Litten Airfield

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Air activity and aircraft observed at Bautzen-Litten airfield between 19 March and 7 April 1955:

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19 March. Between 0915 and 1200, 5 Yak-11s crossed over Bautzen.

20 March. Between 0800 and 1500, 15 aircraft were seen crossing over the town.

25 March. Between 0800 and 1430, air activity was continuously conducted. A total of 13 flights were observed from the town. Between 1220 and 1400, 4 Yak-11s circled wide over the field.

28 March. Two elements of 2 Yak-11s crossed over the town at short intervals at 0700.

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29 March. Between 0830 and 1600, 6 take-offs were heard.

30 March. Between 0700 and 1730, there was intensive air activity. A total of 21 aircraft were counted crossing over the town. About noon, 8 local flights were made by individual Yak-11s, in addition to aerobatics over the town.

1 April. Between 1530 and 1700, 6 Yak-11s crossed the town at irregular intervals.

2 April. Between 0900 and 1100, several Yak-11s crossed over the town. During the afternoon, no air activity was observed.

5 April. At 0700, an element of 2 Yak-11s crossed over Bautzen. During the morning, 18 flights were observed. At 1325, 3 Yak-11s took off at intervals of about 1 minute and landed with the same intervals at 1340. The aircraft did not assemble in formation. During the air activity, 1 bus, 2 trucks, and 1 radio truck were parked next to the flight control station. A tank truck was parked near the take-off point and 1 truck and 1 radio truck were seen on the landing field approximately in line with kilometer marker

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5. Thirteen Yak-11s were counted in front of the hangars. the aircraft were either new or newly painted aircraft. Three of the aircraft had red paint which had not been seen so far and the others had yellow paint.

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aircraft except for a Soviet star on the middle of the fuselage.

7 April. Between 1100 and 1500, aircraft crossed 13 times over Bautzen.¹

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3. Air activity and aircraft observed between 24 March and 12 April: 25X1

24 March. During the morning, several Yak-11s made aerobatics including loops, rolls etc. over the field at an altitude of about 1,000 meters. During the afternoon, 3 elements of two Yak-11s practiced flying at an altitude of about 600 meters.

26 March. Five flights with 4 to 6 individual aircraft and 1 element of two were seen in the vicinity of the field.

5 April. Aerobatics including loops and rolls were made at an altitude of about 1,000 meters.

7 April. Local flying was practiced by individual aircraft.

8 to 12 April. No air activity was observed.¹

4. The former Husaren Kaserne at the corner of Kaethe Kollwitz Strasse and Stralauer Strasse in Bautzen seemed to be fully occupied by VPL personnel. The sentry at the gate wore light blue collar patches and was armed with a Soviet submachine gun.

5. The following motor vehicles were seen in the military post:

Tank Trucks Bus Sedans Trucks Radio Truck

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6. The Husaren Kaserne in Bautzen was still occupied by VPL personnel.² 25X1

7. The following motor vehicles were observed in the military post:

Sedan Tank Trucks Trucks Ambulance

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that Bautzen- Litten airfield is still occupied by the 2nd and 4rd Department of Bautzen Aeroclub and the 3rd Tech Base of the VdA. There was intensive practice flying by Yak-11s. 25X1

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2. Comment. The observations in Husaren Kaserne agree with available information.

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